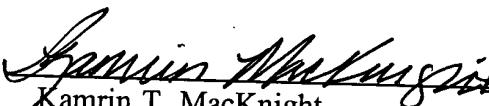


**R E M A R K S**

Claims 1-20 were originally filed in the parent case. In an Office Action dated September 3, 1997, the Examiner restricted the claims into three Groups, with Group I containing Claims 1-6, Group II containing Claims 7-20, and Group III containing Claims 21-24. In a Response dated January 8, 1998, Applicant elected, without traverse, to prosecute the Claims of Group II in the parent case.

Applicant now files a Divisional application to prosecute the Claims in Group I (Claims 1-6).

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